

Friday, August 29, 2014

Two Burglary Incidents Involving Broken Side Windows

1. Attempt Burglary in the Unit Block of East Lenox; a glass panel was broken; no entry gained and nothing stolen

At about 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 26, 2014, the owners of a home in the unit block of E. Lenox returned from a lengthy vacation and discovered that one of the six glass panels in the lower sash of a side window had been broken in an apparent attempt to gain entry into the home. The residents called the Village police right away.

Lt. Dasilva and Officer Hrnjak from the Village Police Department arrived within minutes and quickly determined that there was no intruder in the home. Upon close inspection, the homeowners could tell that nothing was out of place within the home, and the officers found the house secure with the exception of the small (approximately 5" x 7") panel of broken glass described above.

The would-be burglar apparently broke the panel of glass and was unable to unlock the latch. The homeowners had done a commendable job of securing their home: they had pinned their windows shut so that they could not be opened, and they had installed an audible alarm that likely scared the intruder away.

2. Daytime Burglary on Belmont Avenue; entry was gained through a side basement window; nothing stolen

At about 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 27, 2014, Village police officers responded to an audible alarm call at a home in the 5600 block of Belmont Avenue. Shortly after arriving at the address, Officer Almas discovered a broken basement window on the side of the home, and the opening was large enough for a person to enter. With the assistance of a canine unit from the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, Village officers searched the home and found that the intruder was gone. A short time later, the homeowner returned from shopping; she had only been gone for an hour.

Investigation revealed that the intruder entered the finished basement and left through the same window without stealing anything. The alarm is loud and triggers very soon after an intrusion, and it can be heard both inside and outside the home. Officers believe that the intruder may have fled upon hearing the loud alarm.

This is the second burglary (or attempted burglary) reported to Village police within the last 24 hours. Both events involve the breaking of a side window.

TIPS: Residents are urged to keep their homes locked, to activate their alarm systems, and to contact the police immediately if they see or hear anything that makes them suspicious.